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**Klaus
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This booklet brings to you
the story of the above
Three Families

From their beginnings in
Germany to the present time.

There are two other booklets.
one covers the Ell and Griewe families.
the other booklet covers the
Fiegenbaum-Wellemeyer families.

I gathered the material
and wrote the three booklets
during the years of 1954 and 1955.

Arthur Wellemeyer
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Basic Tree

HERMAN HENRY KLAUS
1780 - 1824 -(44)

MARGARET ADELAID
KRUEMPFL
1782 - 1841 -(59)

JOHN HERMAN
HARTBECKE

ANN MARGARETHA
RADERMACHER

JOHN DEITRICK KLAUS
1813 - 1878 -(65)

ELIZABETH HARTBECKE
1821 - 1888 -(67)

ADDIE HOLSCHER
MARY WELLEMAYER
ELIZABETH IRMSCHER
Wm.H.KLAUS
JOHN.H.KLAUS
S.WESLEY.KLAUS

(There is a detailed 'family tree'
Preceding each 'family story' herein.)

John. Deitrich. Klaus.

Family Tree

3.

Father - - JOHN DEITRICH KLAUS - - - - - 1813 - 1878
 Mother -ANN MARGARETHA ELIZABETH HARTBECKE * - - - - 1831 - 1888

0. Their first born, HENRY KLAUS, -Whooping Cough - 1849 - 1849

Six Children listed below: -

1. MARGARET ADELAID KLAUS * - - - - - 1851 - 1905
 Husband - John Herman Holscher - - - - - 1840 - 1905
 Five children listed elsewhere.

2. MARY MALVINE KLAUS - - - - - 1853 - 1930
 Husband - Frank Henry Welleneyer - - - - - 1849 - 1909
 Nine children listed elsewhere.

3. ELIZABETH KLAUS - - - - - 1854 - 1927
 Husband - George Irmscher - - - - - 1854 - 1929
 Two children listed elsewhere.

4. WILLIAM HENRY KLAUS - - - - - 1856 - 1931
 Wife - Mary E Wenz - - - - - 1858 - 1941
 Three children listed elsewhere.

5. JOHN HERMAN KLAUS - - - - - 1858 - 1928
 Wife - Anna E Merten (five children) - - - - - 1859 - 1900
 Wife - Minnie Baer - (no child) - - - - -
 Children listed elsewhere.

6. SAMUEL WESLEY KLAUS - - - - - 1861 - 1925
 Wife - Elizabeth Loomis (two sons) - - - - - 1865 - 1891
 Wife - Rose Landis - - (eight children) - - - - 1869 - 1950
 Ten children listed elsewhere.

① Herman. Holscher. Family.

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Father - JOHN HERMAN HOLSCHER - - - - - 1840 - 1905
 Mother - MARGARET ADELAID KLAUS - - - - - 1851 - 1905

Their 5 CHILDREN listed below.

1. CLARA ELIZABETH HOLSCHER (two children) - - - 1872 - 1954
 Husband - Edward Irmscher - - - - - 1871 -
 1 - Lois Irmscher (two children) - - - 1898 -
 Husband - John E Clifton - - - - - 1899 -
 Niel E Clifton (3 children) - - - 1922 -
 Wife - Virginia J Greiner - - - - 1925 -
 { Eric John Clifton - - - - 1948 -
 { Susan Jane Clifton - - - - 1949 - 1950
 { Sarla Jeanne Clifton - - - - 1951 -
 2 Isabel Clifton (2 children) - - - 1926 -
 2 Husband - Gene Guetzke - - - - 1924 -
 { Carolyn Sue Guetzke - - - - 1947 -
 { David Lee Guetzke - - - - 1951 -
 2 - Adelaïd Irmscher, (one son) - - - 1912 -
 Husband - Norman C Carpenter - - - - 1904 -
 \ Edwin Carpenter - - - - - 1933 -
2. MARY EDITH HOLSCHER (no child) - - - - - 1879 - 1952
 Husband - Henry Bergman - - - - - 1876 -
3. WESLEY HOLSCHER (one child) - - - - - 1883 - 1938
 Wife - Elizabeth Graham - - - - - 1885 - 1951
 Neil Holscher (two children) - - - - 1914 -
 Wife - Clara Emelia Schuldt - - - - 1910 -
 { Belva Jean Holscher - - - - 1937 -
 { Robert Weslet Holscher - - - - 1940 -
4. ELMER HOLSCHER (two children) - - - - - 1885 -
 Wife - Kathryn Slattery - - - - - 1887 -
 { Mary Phyllis Holscher - - - - 1918 -
 { Jimmy Holscher - - - - - 1923 - 1926
5. GRACE ADELAID HOLSCHER (single) - - - - - 1890 - 1937

Three infant sons died young
 Charles - Frank - and John -

(-3-) George. Irmscher. Family.

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Father	-GEORGE IRMSCHER	- - - - -	1854 - 1929
Mother	- ELIZABETH KLAUS (two sons)	- - - - -	1854 - 1927
1.	JOHN DAVID IRMSCHER (one child)	- - - - -	1879 -
1.	Wife - Clara Millius	- - - - -	1881 -
	Myrtle Elizabeth Irmscher (no child)	-	1910 -
	Husband - R.C.Muench	- - - - -	
2.	HARVEY IRMSCHER (one child)	- - - - -	1884 -
2.	Wife - Bess Stoner	- - - - -	
	George Irmscher (one child)	- - - - -	1918 -
	Wife - Gladys	- - - - -	
	Nancy Irmscher	- - - - -	1953 -

Miss Gertrude Wildebour
was raised by George And Elizabeth Irmscher
born in Holland in 1887.. single.
School Teacher in Knox ville Iowa.

(-4-) William. Henry. Klaus. Family.

Father	- WILLIAM HENRY KLAUS, married 1881	1855 - 1931
Mother	- MARY E WENZ, (three children)	1858 - 1941
1.	MISS JULIA ELIZABETH KLAUS	1883 -
2.	IRVING NATHAN KLAUS, married 1916	1885 -
2.	Wife - Emma Mellentine (no child.)	1888 -
3.	MILTON WENZ KLAUS, married 1927,	1898 - 1944
3.	Wife - Luella Hazel Kruger (no child)	1904 -

⑤. John. Herman. Klaus. Family. 6-

Father - JOHN HERMAN KLAUS * - - - - - 1858 - 1928
 Wife - ANNA E MERTEN (five children) - - - - - 1859 - 1900
 Wife - MINNIE BAER - (no child) - - - - -

1. ELSIE L KLAUS (no child) - - - - - 1884 -
 Husband - Albert Moosdorf - - - - - 1886 -

2. ARMIN V KLAUS (no child) - - - - - 1887 -
 Wife - Susan Fries - - - - - 1878 - 1945
 Wife - June Etta Redinger - - - - - 1893 -

3. MERTEN JOHN KLAUS (three children) - - - - - 1891 -
 Wife - Pauline Watson - - - - - 1907 -

1-Anna Elizabeth Klaus - - - - - 1940 - 1940
 2-John Merten Klaus - - - - - 1942 -
 3-David Armin Klaus - - - - - 1945 -

4. MISS CLARA KLAUS - - - - - 1895 -

5. CARL KLAUS * (no child) - - - - - 1898 -
 Wife - Nettie Calhoun - - - - - 1902 -

6-Klaus-Loomis.Family. 7.

Father - SAMUEL WESLEY KLAUS - - - - - 1861 - 1925
 Mother - ELIZABETH LOOMIS - - - - - 1865 - 1891

Married 1886, Five years together, TWO SONS.

1. Dr.ROY.WESLEY.KLAUS, (one son) - - - - - 1887 - 1934
 Wife - Lillian Clough - - - - -
 The son - John Wesley Klaus - - -

2. NORTON JOHN KLAUS, (five children) - - - - - 1889 - 1945
 Wife - Katherine Veronica Cavanagh - - - - - 1893 -

1-Katherine Veronica Klaus(2 child) - 1913 -
 Husband - Cleon Richard Puff - - -
 David Richard Puff - - - 1939 -
 Janice Mary Puff - - - -1940 -

2-James Wesley Klaus (4 children) - 1915 -
 Wife - Kathleen Margaret Schuster 1921 -
 Steven James Klaus - - - 1946 -
 John Robert Klaus - - - 1948 -
 Ann Kristine Klaus - - - 1951 -
 Kathy Sue Klaus - - - - 1953 -

3- John Norton Klaus - - - - - 1917 - 1931

4-Clere Monroe Klaus - - - - - 1919 -

5-Genevieve Mae Klaus (3 children) - 1921 -
 Husband - Herman Meyer - - - - - 1919 -
 Terance John Meyer - - - - - 1946 -
 Thomas Lee Meyer - - - - - 1949 -
 Timothy Richard Meyer - - - 1952 -

6-Klaus-Landis. Family

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Father - SAMUEL WESLEY KLAUS * - - - - - 1861 - 1925
Mother - ROSE LANDIS - - - - - 1869 - 1950

Married 1896, 29 years together, EIGHT CHILDREN.

1. EARL SAMUEL KLAUS, single - - - - - 1897 - 1937

2. KENNETH R. KLAUS. (4 children) - - - - - about 1899 -
Wife - Iris Blanchard - - - - -
1-Daniel Klaus
2-Robert Klaus
3-William Klaus
4-Kenneth Klaus, jr.

3. MISS RUTH MILDRED KLAUS - - - - - 1901 -

4. PAUL KLAUS, single - - - - - about 1903 -

5. LUCILE ANNOLA KLAUS (one child) - - - - - 1904 -
Husband - Mason Lowe - - - - - 1902 -
1-Marv Elizabeth Lowe - - - - - 1937 -

6. CORA VIRGINIA KLAUS (one son) - - - - - 1907 -
Husband - Myron Barras Eighmey - - - - - 1906 -
1-Paul Francis Eighmey - - - - - 1942 -

7. ELIZABETH KLAUS (one child) - - - - - about 1909 -
Husband - John Franklin - - - - -
1-Rosetta Franklin - - - - -

8. EDNA KLAUS, - (no child) - - - - - about - 1911 -
Husband - Roger Stacy - - - - -

The Story of John. Deitrich. Klaus

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This Story of the Klaus Family, begins in Germany, with my great-grand-parents.

(HERMAN) HENRY KLAUS, - - - 1780 - 1824
MARGARET ADELAID KRUEMPEL, - ? - 1841

They were farmers, on rented land, and lived in a village. Their farm was small in size, compared to the size of our farms in Iowa, more like a large garden.

No tractor, no horses, but they used one Ox Team for power, and the operation of a large garden of this kind, required much 'hand labor', which is a natural way of life, and keeps people contented and happy. and healthy too.

They raised some grain and hay for their few animals and for their geese, and raised plenty of 'garden truck' for family use.

Their 'Cash Crops' were Hemp and Flax, these they processed in the home during the winter months.
The hemp was woven into sail cloth.
And the flax into fine linen cloth.

Mrs Sarah Wellemeyer, of Colesburg Iowa, has a beautiful linen dresser scarf, home - spun and woven by our great-grand-mother Klaus, while a girl at home - 100 years ago or more. she raised the flax, spun it into thread, and wove it into cloth.

Later, on coming to America, the women of our family brought their 'Spinning wheel' and their 'Linen Loom' with them.

This Klaus family - their Germany address was:
TALGE - - - - - the village
AMT.FURSTENAU - - the county
KIRSCHSPIEL BIPPEN *Church or Parish
KONIGREICH HANNOVER - now Prussia.

Their FIVE CHILDREN, listed in order of birth,
1 - John Deitrich Klaus - born 1813 - my grandfather.
2 - Adelaid Klaus - - died in 1841.
3 - Herman Klaus - - died in 1841.
4 - Catherine Margaret Klaus, born 1817-(Mrs Fr.Merten)
5 - H.Henry Klaus, born 1822, (Fireplace accident)

John. Deitrich. Klaus.

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During a period of eighteen years, hard luck struck the Klaus Family, three times as follows:

in 1823 - The fireplace accident.

in 1824 - Death of the Father.

in 1841 - Death of the Mother and two children.

FIRST TRAGEDY - 1823 - FIREPLACE.

One winter evening, while the parents and the two older children were outside doing chores, They heard screams coming from the house, the parents rushed in and found that the children in their play had accidentally upset the cradle, and dumped, Baby and all, into the fireplace. When they had dragged the baby from the fire, one hand was missing, this baby (about one year old) was H. Henry Klaus, jr.

Neighbors rushed in to put out the fire, among these was a MRS SHENKE, a widow, and a sister to H. Henry Klaus sr. Our great-grand-father greeted his sister and said; "with tears in his eyes, "Here in my beautiful son, my namesake, how can he ever make a living with only one good arm?"

Mrs Shenke said: "Dear Brother, I am childless, let me take little Henry and raise him as my own, I will be a mother to him, and spend everything I have to make him a great and good man."

And it came to pass that Mother Shenke did provide a home for the one armed H. Henry Klaus.

SECOND TRAGEDY -

About a year after the fireplace accident, the father, H. Henry Klaus sr. died of Typhoid Fever, his age 45 years, and the date about 1824.

This left John Deitrich Klaus, my grandfather, age about eleven years, as his mother's chief helper in the support of the family.

And then in 1825, or 1832, the dates are different in different obituaries, the family came to America.

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The Mother, Margaret Adelaid Kruempel Klaus,
Gathered up her four remaining children,
all except H. Henry, and came to America.

They crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a sailing ship,
(not a steam ship) The passage took several weeks,
they provided their own food enroute, which consisted
largely of sweiback, noodles, beans, dried peas,
dried beef, canned meat etc.

They landed at New Orleans, and from there took passage
on a river boat up the Mississippi to StCharles Missouri,
which is twenty miles north of St Louis.

The City of StCharles Mo. was a small town at that time,
but it grew rapidly because of the many german people
who arrived from Europe, thru the port of New Orleans,
this migration continued from about 1820 to 1860.
After the civil war our friends from germany arrived
mostly by steam ship thru the port of New York City.
StCharles was 'slave country' and also 'Indian Country'
in that early day.

In StCharles, John Deitrich Klaus found employment
as a farm hand with an irish farmer by the name of
Lawrence Mc Namee, he worked for this Irishmen for
about a dozen years, and learned how to farm in America.

THIRD TRAGEDY - - 1841.

It seems, that Missouri People are more or less immune
to Malaria Fever, but the emigrants from Germany are
very sensitive to it.

Thus, when Malaria Fever struck the Klaus Family,
it killed three out of five

These three succumbed to the fever and are buried in
a cemetery near St Charles Missouri. these were:

The Mother - Margaret Adelaid Kruemple Klaus.

One son - - Herman Klaus

One daughter-Adelaid Klaus.

Two Klaus Children survived:

John Dietrich Klaus, - My grandfather

Catherine Margaret Klaus, -She later married Frederick Werten.

John. Deitrich. Klaus.

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MOVE TO COLESBURG -

It was at St Charles Mo. that Frederick Merten age 22, met Catherine Margaret Klaus age 25, - They were married in 1842, moved at once to Colesburg, Delaware County Iowa, and commenced housekeeping on a farm.
(See story of the Merten Family on another page)

It was also in 1842, that this ambitious Irishman, Lawrence McNamee age 37, and his wife Errelia age 40, (Mac always called her Maggie), together with their faithful hired man, John Deitrich Klaus age 29, Moved to Colesburg.

They had heard that Colesburg was a healthy area and that malaria fever was not known there.

Mc Namee had sold his farm near St Charles Mo. at a good profit, and came north with a 'hat full' of money.

He bought a farm or two for himself, and he loaned his hired man money (no note), with which to buy an unimproved eighty acres, adjoining the McNamee land, located two miles west of Colesburg Iowa.

The cash crops, like wheat, flax etc. were hauled by team some thirty miles and sold at Dubuque Iowa, they cashed their checks in the City, and often carried their money in a buckskin bag, And they preferred to have their money in 'Gold Pieces' rather than in paper money.

JOHN DEITRICH KLAUS - - A LAND OWNER.

My Grandfather, because of the various disasters which befell his family for so many years, had been paying family debts untill now.

During these years he was, more or less, a slave to the money lender, and he grew modest in manner as becomes a servant.

But there was a COURAGE about this young man, which would not down. He saved his meager wages and was happy, for in his heart was a song and a longing for the day when he too could own a farm, with a house, and a wife, and a family.

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Thus, it was a great turning point in the life of John Deitrich Klaus when he became a land owner.

His savings had all gone into the down payment on his land, and for a few years he continued to work for the McNamees, and the Klaus eighty was farmed with the McNamee land.

However, Klaus bought a few hieffer calves, a pair of young colts, a few pigs etc. which he sheltered in straw sheds.

And finally, volunteer help from the neighbors, a Log House was built with two rooms.

LOOKING FOR A WIFE.

Young Ladies of marriageable age were so scarce around Colesburg at that time, that the girls married young, some even married at the age of sixteen.

My grand-father was twice sixteen, and he hoped to find a life partner somewhat nearer his age.

Then some one mentioned a Hartbecke Girl, working as a governess, taking care of children for a rich family in St Louis Missouri. My grand-father writes to her in German.

"Dear Elizabeth Hartbecke:"

He reminds her that they lived in neighboring villages in Germany. She at the village of HAHNABERG, and he at TALGE, and that both of these villages attended church at KIRCHSPIEL BIPPEN, a parish of the Lutheran Church, and no doubt both of them were baptized and later confirmed in this same church.

He remembers her long brown curls as a child when he last saw her. He explains that now he is a land owner with very good prospects, and "I want a wife" if some good girl will have me.

Elizabeth answered something like this:

It has been twenty years since I last saw you, I no longer wear curls, John, but my hair is done up on the top of my head, and I am of marriageable age, and am looking for a husband, and a home, and children. All that I remember about you, John, is your smile, and how kind you were to older people after church, helping them on with their coats.

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I have, however, grave doubts about you as a husband, how come that you cannot find a wife in your own community? and how come that your letter smelled of perfume? Maybe these things can be explained. If you are interested come and see me in person.

If you are the same John Klaus that you were in Germany, I will be glad to see you, but if you have changed for the worse, I will be sorry indeed.

After receiving this letter, John Klaus said to McNamee, "I've got to go to St Louis right now on an urgent personal matter" - "And sure now, sure enough", said Mac. Do you have money enough? I have just enough, said John. "Oh Maggie" called Mac. fix up John's cloths extra nice he's off to get him a wife". And here John I loan you an extra fifty dollars be sure and spend it all foolishly.

John got to St Louis, called on Elizabeth, She said "Come tomorrow for my answer". and by the third day, March 23 -1848, they were quietly married in the Methodist Church, and left at once for Colesburg Iowa.

The McNamees welcomed them with open arms. My dear, said Maggie, I have a confession to make, it was I that soaked the envelope with cologne, I should not have done it, there is a devilish stripe in me.

"Oh Maggie" called Mac. This bridegroom fellow wants to return the fifty dollar loan, what shall I do? "Give it back to him Mac" said Maggie, "He has been the best hired man we ever had, and has been with us long years."

Then off they all went to the new Log House This was quite a roomy log house, living room was size 12 x 20, the bed room 12 x 10. Later a lean-to was added which doubled its size. This house was used as a residence for about 100 years. When the Klaus family sold the farm, the log house was replaced with a more modern structure.

There was a large fireplace accross the end of the big room. A wrought iron crane, home made, had been installed. New kettles and utentials were unpacked.

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And last but not least, from the bottom of Elizabeth's trunk, came a framed motto for the home, silk embroidered, on homespun linen, which read:

AN GOTTES SEGHEN
IST ALLES GELEGEN.

(All things depend on the Blessing of God.)

And here were JOHN DEITRICH KLAUS; age 35, and ANNA MARGARET ELIZABETH HARTBECKE; Age 27, set up in their new home as man and wife.

And God did Bless their Home - with Children. which is the richest blessing God has to bestow on us mortals here below.

During the next thirteen years, after their marriage in 1848, seven children were born to them.

- 1 - The first born, Henry,
died of whooping cough in 1849.
- 2 - Adelaid - - - Mrs Herman Holscher
- 3 - Mary - - - Mrs Frank Wellemeyer
- 4 - Elizabeth - - - Mrs George Irmscher
- 5 - Wm.H.Klaus - - - Methodist Minister
- 6 - John.H.Klaus - - - Methodist Minister
- 7 - S.Wesley Klaus - Merchant.

The parents, John and Elizabeth, had come a long way from their native villages in Germany to their little farm in America. It was this work and struggle which prepared them for the roll they were destined to play during the thirty years of their married life. (Remember the story of the narcissus bulbs?)

The great contribution to society was their wonderful family of six children, which they trained and sent out into the world.

The Mother, Elizabeth, was the disciplinarian in the home, She had had years of experience taking care of youngsters before her marriage. The family respected her kind commands, and brute force was never necessary in this home, where love ruled.

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The children were well trained, learned to work, attended church with their parents.

The first rural school was a private school where the different families in the neighborhood contributed to pay the teacher.

Later, some of the Klaus Children attended 'The German-English College' at Galena Illinois.

On one of his trips to Dubuque, the father, John Klaus, brought home a MELODIAN, this was a small type reed organ, built on the style of a spinet desk, part of the top folded back, which brought out the rack to hold the music, and also exposed the keyboard, the foot treadles were like piano pedals of today. - walnut wood - price \$40.

The father later gave each of his three daughters, a Melodian on their wedding day - a cherished gift.

When grown, the six healthy children, each had certain strong family characteristics, such as : they all sang well. they liked people and had warm personalities which invited confidence from the public.

they were workers in the church.

(Read more about them in their separate write-ups)

GERMAN BACKGROUND -

In Germany, at that time, both the School and the Luthern Church were state controlled.

The State Inspector would visit the School now and then, And make note of the progress of the various children.

At the end of the school year he would announce, which Boy, or sometimes more than one Boy, from their village, was chosen to attend Hi-School, with all expenses paid by the State. This was often in lieu of military training, and was in the nature of a command. No family turned down an order of this kind.

Some of these Youths were taught to be Teachers, others to be Pastors, and others were trained in various occupations such as Horticulture etc.

These young men, after completing Hi-School, were subject to call, by the State, whenever a vacancy occurred in a job they could fill.

Thus it happened that the grandfather of John Deitrich Klaus became a Luthern Pastor, and served at the parish of 'Bippen'. And H. Henry Klaus sr. The father of John Deitrich Klaus, was State Trained in Forestry and Horticulture, but his early death at age 45, came before a vacancy occurred in his line.

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In the year 1900, the Rev. John H. Klaus, a son of John Deitrich Klaus, visited in Germany, and at the request of the pastor at this Luthern Church at Bippen, delivered a sermon one Sunday morning, in the German language, from the same pulpit where his great-grandfather Klaus had served as pastor so many years before.

Now to get back to America, and to John Deitrich Klaus: He was a fine haired, thoughtful man of medium height and build, with hard muscles and calloused hands. He was kind hearted and friendly, and was neat and precise in his farm work.

As the years came and went, he rented more land to farm with his eighty acres. He was forward looking and instead of buying more land, he saved his money so that he could help his sons whenever they should want to start farming for themselves.

The financial depression after the Civil War was quite severe and lasted many years, but they were well established on the farm and it did not effect them too much.

On several occasions, Klaus helped Young Men to come to America, these were children of his friends in Germany. The deal was: He sent them passage money, and to pay this back, each Young Man would work for Klaus three years, they would learn our language and our way of farming.

At the end of this three year apprenticeship period, the young man would receive a team of horses with new harness, also a wagon complete with wagon box.

The horses were raised on the farm, the harness and wagon were made in the Klaus shop on the farm, mostly by these same young men. Thus, the young man was equipped to start out on his own.

For thirty wonderful years, John Deitrich Klaus, was progressively successful in all his endeavors; His Family of Children were mostly grown. His acres had widened and become more productive, he had plenty of help, and was conducting a large and profitable farming operation.

And then, one morning, July 7th, 1878, While he was working at chores, a sudden stroke ended his life, his age 65 years, 5 months and 5 days.

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Funeral Services were held in the Zion Methodist Church, in the German language, the singing was by the congregation, his brother-in-law, the Rev. Frederick Merten, conducted the service, TEXT: "Lord let my end be, as his end."

Grandmother Klaus lived for ten years after his death. She used the money which our frugal grandfather had saved in the Bank, and made down payments on three different tracts of land, and very promptly the land doubled in value, making the Klaus Family quite secure financially.

Anna Margaret Elizabeth Hartbecke Klaus, died December 4th, 1888, at the Herman Holscher home, near Colesburg; Cause of death - Liver Trouble of many weeks duration - Her age 67 years. Both are buried in the Zion Cemetery near Colesburg.

A BROTHER TO SISTER LETTER -

A detailed account of the funeral of Elizabeth H Klaus, was written by John H Klaus to his sister, who was unable to attend the funeral service of her mother. We quote:

"Our dear Mother, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus at half past nine on Tuesday Morning, Dec 4 1888. All of us children witnessed her easy death, but John who came one hour later. She was buried Thursday. Rev. H. R. Fiegenbaum and Rev. P. Helweg conducting.

People began to gather early, At ten minutes before ten o'clock, Brother Fiegenbaum told us to come into the parlor, where mothers casket was placed in the center of the room.

(This casket was octogan in shape. covered with black broadcloth, was draped with the same material and had tassels, the top of the head end folded open, and was called a shrine opening. -Silver Handles.)

Our hearts were moved by the singing of the hymn 'Safe in the arms of Jesus' (German), She repeated the first verse of this song the day before her death.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Peter Helweg, who was her pastor 17 years ago. After which he read her favorite Psalm, the 71st "In Thee oh Lord do I put my trust" etc.

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Brother Fiegenbaum then announced that we would proceed to the church, (Zion Methodist)

The names of the pall bearers: -

Henry Wessel	Jos Grimes
B. Schweitert	Phil. Stillinger
J. bristol	Mr Bass.

The whole yard was covered with people and eighty teams formed the procession.

The Church was too small to hold the people. Rev Fiegenbaum announced the hymn, which Mother sang so much during her last illness, "Jesus lover of my Soul", which was sung by the congregation in german. Then he led in prayer.

Rev. Helweg read the 90th psalm: 'Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations'

Brother Fiegenbaum then preached the funeral sermon. Text in german, Numbers 23 - 10, 'Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his'.

His Text in english, Isaiah 3 - 10, 'Say you to the righteous that it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings'. According to Mother's request, the congregation sang in english: 'God be with you till we meet again'.

A large concourse of friends viewed the remains for the last time, and then came the parting look for us.

O, what a pleasant face,
shall I ever forget this look? - no never.
What a realization of what Mother was to me.
Mother - what the name implies.
There is a smile on her face.
I think I never saw her look so peaceful and sweet.
Still it will not do to dwell too long
on the earthly part of our Mother.

But let us lift our tearful eyes toward Heaven,
Where by faith we see her with the blood-washed
throne in glory, re-united with our dear Father.

May the Lord help us six children, who are left to mourn,
to live the life of the righteous, so we may
when it comes our time to depart, die the death of the
righteous, and be an unbroken family in Heaven
thru all eternity. Amen. (end of quote)

Signed -John H Klaus.

(John H Klaus was age 30, when he wrote this letter
and had been a Minister of the Gospel for ten years.)

(The Sister referred to was Mary, Mrs Frank Wellemever)

The Robbers.

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Elizabeth Klaus out smarts them.

After the Civil War there were several robberies reported in the immediate vicinity of Colesburg. Here and there a lone farmer had been held up and relieved of his money, at gun point, while returning from Dubuque.

And to keep the record clear, I must state that this pair of hiway men carried real six shooting revolvers, not the usual 'toy pistol' kind often used in 1955 in a Bank 'Stick Up'.

Dubuque was thirty miles away, and was the town where the farmer sold his Live Stock, and where he hauled his cash crops, and his eggs, butter, potatoes etc. This was before there was a nearby town.

The land between the Colesburg settlement and Dubuque, was rough and hilly, and covered more or less with timber. The trail followed a creek and wound around the hills, except here and there it went right up and over a 'hogs back' hill. And it took a strong team of horses to pull a heavy load up the hill, And it took a good set of brakes to hold the load when you went down the hill. Sometimes they they 'locked' one or both of the rear wheels with chains to keep the wagon from going down hill too fast.

They carried lunch and horse feed, and even tho their teams walked all the way at about four miles per hour, they usually stopped for feeding and rest at a convenient spot near the half way mark.

It took eight hours to make the trip one way, and usually they did not try to make the round trip all in one day. - And if the weather was nice they would camp for the night near the trail on their return trip. At other times they would put up for the night at a Dubuque Tavern, where they made a business of accomodating the traveling public, and by leaving at four AM they would arrive home about noon.

With a pair of Robbers in the hills, our mild mannered grandfather, John Deitrich Klaus, provided himself with a gun belt and a six shooter revolver. Then the neighbors for their mutual protection, decided to do their hauling to Dubuque in groups, sometimes several men with their teams and wagons in a caravan.

When grandfather's hogs were fat and of marketable size, a few neighbors were asked to come with wagons, and help him haul the entire bunch in one trip. They called this a hauling bee.

The Robbers.

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Grandfather insisted on being paid in 'hard cash' for his hogs, that meant silver or gold, He did not want bank notes, as paper money was called, and he did not want a 'bank check', because the private Banks at that time were none too safe.

Our grandmother, Elizabeth Klaus, guarded the buckskin bag, which contained the family savings of gold & Silver. A nich had been built into the stone wall of the fireplace, about the size of a small brick, all of which was not noticeable when closed.

The next day after the hogs were hauled off, the additional gold was placed into the buckskin money bag.

The Men and the Children were busy picking up potatoes in a nearby field, while grandmother was at home preparing the noon day meal.

All of a sudden, the house dog jumped up from his sleep and stood growling near the doorway, Grandmother glanced thru the window and saw two bearded men approaching. with rare presents of mind, she brought out the buckskin bag and threw it into a slop pail which was nearly full slop and house scraps.

Then she opened the door wide, and welcomed the strangers in, told them to sit down - the coffee pot was on the coals, and she would run to the cooling tank for fresh cream. One of the robbers spoke up and said: "We are not hungry, Madam, all we want from you is your money, get it for us and be quick about it".

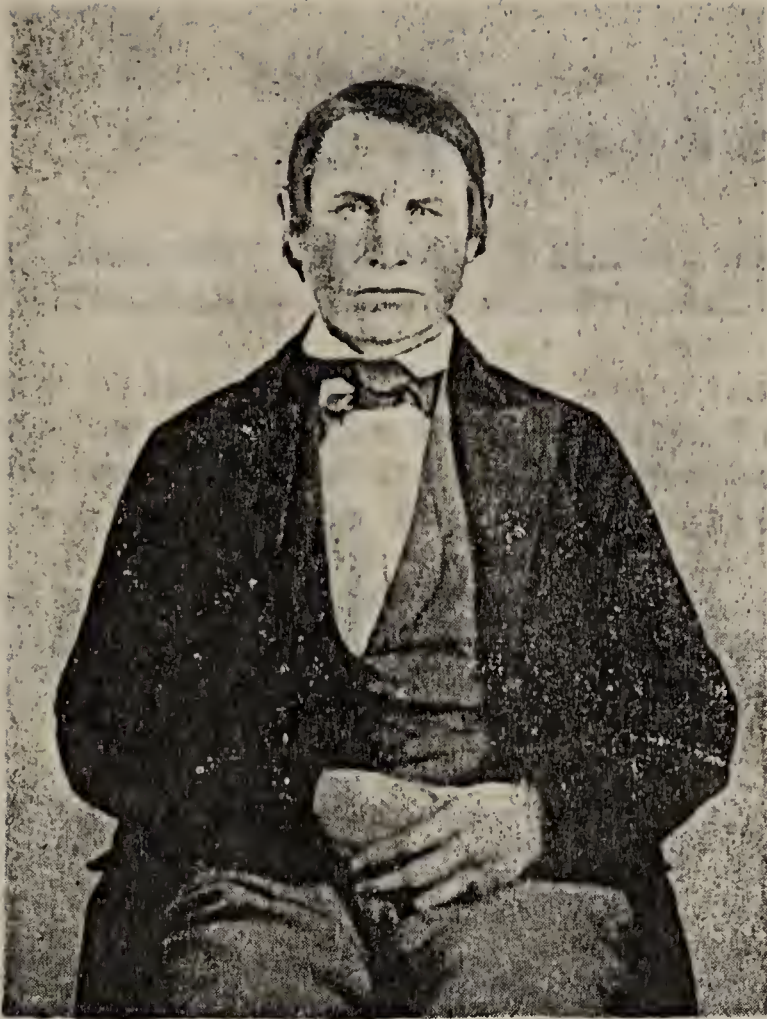
But Grandmother acted like she had not heard a word they said, and with the cream pitcher in hand rushed outside toward the well house.

Once outside she hurried toward the potatoe patch, waving her apron and calling for John. Everybody came on the run, but when they had reached the house, the robbers were running for their horses and got away.

John grabbed his shot gun, and fired three times into the air, which was the distress signal. The Sheriff and his posse happened to be near by and caught them.

In the Klaus home, the robbers, tore up the straw ticks from the beds, emptied all the bureau drawers, and ramsacked the house in general, but who would ever think to look in a slop pail for money?

Yes, Elizabeth Klaus had
out smarted the Robbers.



Father — JOHN DEITRICH KLAUS

Mother — ELIZABETH HARTBECKE KLAUS

KLAUS SISTERS

(left to right)

ELIZABETH

Mrs. Geo. Irmscher

MARY MALVINE

Mrs. Frank Wellemeyer

ADDIE

Mrs. Herm. Holscher



KLAUS BROTHERS

(left to right)

Rev. John H. Klaus

Rev. Wm. H. Klaus

Hon. S. W. Klaus

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The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus
Holscher

1. MARGARET ADELAID KLAUS, the oldest of a trio of daughters, was born Feb. 4. 1851, on the Colesburg farm.

She became a member of the Zion Methodist Church, at the age of 13, while Rev. Rudolph Fiegenbaum was pastor. She was active in the Womens Society of her church, and a worker in the Womens Christisan Temperance Union.

On March 30th 1869, Adelaid Klaus age 18, and Herman Holscher age 29, were married. They became the parents of eight children, -Three sons died as infants and five survive.

Herman Holscher was born Dec. 11. 1840, in Dalum, Bippen, Amt Furstenau, Hannover, Germany. He came to America in 1867. His brother William Holscher, and his sister Mrs Henry Holthouse came at the same time.

Mr and Mrs Herman Holscher spent the 45 years of their married life on a quarter section farm, which they owned, in Colony Township, Delaware County Ia, near Colesburg. Their farm home was known for its hospitality.

Mr Holscher was for a few years connected with the Holscher & Co Store at Earlville, altho he was not personally active in the business.

Of the hundreds of people mentioned in this history, this is the only couple, where husband and wife died on the same day. The day was December 16. 1904.

Adelaid Holscher died in the morning, age 53 years.

Herman Holscher died in the evening, age 65 years.

The wife had been ailing for a few years with liver trouble and then peritonis set in causing her death. The husband had been troubled with ulcers for several years, but the Doctor at his last illness said that death was caused by cancer of the stomach.

Funeral Services were held in the Zion Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Brandenburg, pastor, assisted by Rev Soper of Earlville - Burial in Zion Cemetery.

Next follows a short sketch of each of their children,

- 1 - Clara, Mrs Ed Irmscher
- 2 - Mary Edith, Mrs Henry Bergman
- 3 - Wesley Holscher
- 4 - Elmer Holscher
- 5 - Grace Holscher

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Holscher

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CLARA ELIZABETH HOLSCHER, was born November 25. 1872, the eldest daughter of Herman and Adelaid Holscher.

ED IRMSCHER, son of August and Caroline Irmischer, was born on a neighboring farm near Colesburg Iowa.

On January 20th 1898, this pair were married at the home of the brides parents, near Colesburg Iowa, by Rev John H Klaus, uncle of the bride.

Clara was 26, and Ed was 27 years old at the time.

After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Ed Irmischer purchased a farm one and a half miles west of Colesburg, residing there for twenty-two years, after which they took up their residence in Earlville, which has since been their home.

They have two daughters:

LOIS - Mrs John Clifton - Earlville Iowa.

ADELAID - Mrs Norman C Carpenter, Peoria Illinois

Three grandchildren & Five Great Grand Children.

On January 20th 1948, Mr and Mrs Ed Irmischer, celebrated their GOLDEN WEDDING; Their daughter Lois, Mrs John Clifton, provided a big noon meal in their honor at Earlville Iowa, and the afternoon was spent visiting with friends and relatives who called offer congratulations.

On January 2nd 1954, just six years after the Golden Wedding, a sudden heart attack ended the life of Clara Elizabeth Holscher Irmischer- age 82 years, 2 months.

Funeral Services were held in the Earlville Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Darwin Pierce pastor, assisted by Rev. C. C. Carpenter of Peoria Illinois. Singing at the service by Mrs Harold Ham and Dr. C. B. Rogers, with Mrs Less Hunt at the organ. Burial Fairview at Earlville.

MARY EDITH HOLSCHER, was born April 15th 1879, the second of five children born to Herman and Adelaid Holscher.

On November 19th 1906, Mary Edith Holscher age 27, and Henry Bergman age 30, were married at the farm home of the brides parents near Colesburg.

They farmed the Holscher Homestead for seven years, then purchased a home in Earlville Iowa, where they have since resided.

The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus.
Holscher

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Mrs Mary Edith Holscher Bergman died quite suddenly, October 10th 1952, while visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs George Bergman, at Malta Ill.- age 73 years.

Funeral Services were held at the Earlville Methodist Church where she had been a member for 46 years, the pastor Rev.D.M.Pierce officiating. Dr.C.B.Rogers sang two selections: 'O Love that will not let me go', and 'Lead kindly light' With Mrs Less Hunt at the organ.

The pall bearers were: Henry Woeste,-James Klaus - Vern Herman - W.W.Kieth -James Holscher -Elmer ortberg. Her husband survives - There were no children.

She was a past president of the Womens Society of Christian Service. She had been a member and director of the church choir for many years. She was also a member of the Earlville Womens Club.

Mr and Mrs Henry Bergman took care of her parents for several years before their passing, they also provided a home for the invalid sister, Miss Grace Holscher. Her brother Wesley Holscher spent the last three months of his life in their home.

Thank you, Mary Edith and Henry Bergman, for your hospitality to all of the family, sick or well.

S. WESLEY HOLSCHER, was born September 19th 1883, on a farm near Colesburg Iowa, and died July 20th 1938, at the home of his sister Mrs Henry Bergman in Earlville. his age 55 years.

Funeral Services were held at the Bergman Home in Earlville Interment made in the Oakland Cemetery at Manchester Iowa. Rev.D.Bostrum of Delhi officiated.

Wes Holscher was an active partner in the Holscher & Co General Store at Earlville Iowa for a number of years. Then he traveled as a salesman for a Dubuque Wholesale firm on a South Dakota territory.

On December 11th, 1911, S.Wesley Holscher age 28, and Mary Elizabeth Graham age 25, were married at Oak Park Illinois. They lived in South Dakota.

There was one daughter, Belva Jean Holscher, born in 1937, and one son, Niel.G.Holscher born in 1940. Winner So Dak.

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It was thirteen years after the death of S. Wesley Holscher, that his wife the former ELIZABETH (Bess) GRAHAM. died suddenly of a stroke, at Scotland South Dakota. This was in March 1951. - Her age 65 years.

(We quote from the Manchester Press)
Elizabeth Graham, was born May 20th 1885, at Manchester Iowa. Her life had been spent at Manchester, -Chicago, Kansas City Mo.- and Scotland So Dak.

Before her marriage, Mrs Holscher had taught kindergarten in Kansas City, and also taught piano. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and of the Eastern Star, and was organist in both.

Mrs Holscher had lived in Earlville for a few months prior to her husband's death in 1938.
She had a pleasing personality.

Funeral services and burial at Scotland So Dak.
She is survived by:

One son, Niel G Holscher, Yankton So Dak.
Two grand children, and
One brother, Will Graham, Kansas City Mo.

ELMER HOLSCHER, was born in 1885.
He married Kathryn Slattery,
They have two children: Mary Phyllis Holscher born in 1917,
and Jimmy Holscher, born in 1923, died in 1926.

His father, Herman Holscher was 56, when I worked there in 1894, I was 14, and Elmer was 9.
Elmer was an active healthy boy, helped with the chores, and was always around where the men were working, even at the age of nine he was smart enough to keep away from the house, lest his big sister put him to work, mowing the lawn, pulling weeds in the garden, or picking berries, all of them crazy jobs that a boy don't like.
He liked to be with the men, especially if they were 'breaking colts' or 'dehorning cattle'. Boys crave excitement and 'Hum-drum' jobs bore them.

Herman Holscher was a horseman, raised a few colts and bought a few each year, and later sold them as four year olds, they needed draft horses in the Cities.

Herman Holscher was an experienced Sheep Man, he learned all about sheep in Germany, kept about twenty ewes, and any ewe that only had one lamb would be sold, his ewes were supposed to always have twin lambs, and they did.

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Holscher

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Elmer Holscher, continued -

We went to bed in the evening, which was before it was dark in the summertime, and we got up at four in the morning (Elmer too). The Holscher Children and I got busy and milked the cows, about 15 of them, so that the milk man could leave at five AM.

Herman Holscher had a hired man who gathered up the milk from a dozen farms, and hauled it to the Colesburg Creamery, where it was separated, and the skim-milk put back into the same cans, to be taken back to the farmers on the return trip. He got back home at 11 AM.

We all quit work at eleven AM, there was a 'dinner bell' on a post next to the kitchen door which the women would ring when it was time to eat. We quit work early too, about five in the evening, else our day would have been too long.

I have seen Elmer Holscher several times since we were boys, but just now I cannot tell you where he lives.

GRACE ADELAID HOLSCHER, was born Feb. 14. 1890, on the parental farm near Colesburg Iowa, the youngest child of Herman and Adelaide Holscher.

She was afflicted from birth with a soft, or damaged spine, her parents tried many different Doctors for help, but she remained partially deformed, and a bit undersized, even tho her spine did harden when she grew to maturity.

Her father had a cabinet maker build her a small sized 'bow-back' chair, light weight but of hickory wood. This was when Grace was about five years old. She would drag her chair along wherever she went, would sit and laugh and chat with us while we worked.

One summer evening she sat on her chair in the cow yard, while we milked, some of the young cattle milled around a bit and crowded her into a fence corner, she could not climb the fence, and before I could get there to rescue her, she braced her back against the fence, and beat the offending animals over the head with her chair, she was unhurt, and the brave little gal didn't even cry, but the chair was in splinters. Ofcourse her Daddy got her a new chair.

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Grace Holscher in all the 47 years of her life never complained, never spoke of her handicap except in a joking manner. She was always pleasant and cheerful. A lovable character.

After the death of her parents, she made her home with her sister Mary Edith and husband Henry A Bergman in Earlville Iowa. She was active in the Church. was Supt of the Primary Dept of the sunday school, and was an officer in the Epworth League.

She died in 1937 - age 47 - heart trouble. Funeral Services in the Earlville Methodist Church, with four Preachers on the platform, and the auditorium filled with relatives and friends. Burial in Fairview Cemetery near Earlville.

Wellemeyer

MARY MALVINE KLAUS, was born January 28th 1953,
on a farm near Colesburg, the second daughter of
2. John and Elizabeth Klaus.

She was the smallest physically of the three Klaus daughters, but was strong mentally, and had natural gifts of personalitv, which fitted her for the role she was destined to play during her life time, that of a Ministers wife.

At age 22, she married Frank.H.Wellemeyer age 26, who after two years of farming, became a minister of the gospel for the german methodist church.

They were the parents of nine children.
She died in 1930, age 77 years, buried at Garner Ia.
(Read the Frank H.Wellemeyer Story elsewhere herein)

The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus.
Irmscher 29.

ELIZABETH KLAUS, known as our Aunt Lizzie,
3. was born in 1854, on a farm near Colesburg, the third daughter of John Deitrich and Elizabeth Klaus.
She died in 1927, age 73 years.

Her husband George Irmscher was born in 1854, died in 1929, age 75, I do not have an obituary to refer to for either 'Uncle George' or 'Aunt Lizzie', but I knew them quite well, They were neighbors to the Herman Holscher family, and we exchanged help during haying.

They owned their well improved quarter section farm free of debt. George Irmscher was quiet and easy with his live stock, he did not send the dog to fetch the cows from the pasture. But he would stand at the gate and call 'CO-Boss', and up the lane the cattle came, went to their stalls where each recieved a measure of ground feed, his were the well-fed 'contented' cows you read about.

And the little colts were friendly too on this farm, if you walked thru the pasture, the colts would meet you and trail along behind, maybe nudge you with their nose, wanting to be petted.

George Irmscher had a well equiped shop on his farm, where he did blacksmithing, woodworking, and harness work, He was a natural born mechanic, and the shop was his hobby.

Then came a depression, this ofcourse, could not hurt him on the farm, but in order to hold up his brother-in-law, he signed a bunch of notes with Wes Klaus, and the depression continued to hold on and get worse, eventually he sold the farm and took over the store.

He finally got rid of the store and moved to Dubuque Ia. where he specialized in building fire places in new homes, whenever they wanted a realy fancy and artistic job done, they called George Irmscher to do the work.

Later, when the Irmschers reached retirement age, they built a small new home in Epworth Iowa.

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Irmscher

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Mrs George Irmscher, our aunt Lizzie, should have been a minister. She was very much at home when on the platform making a speech, she spoke from notes, which she seldom referred to, with a clear voice she brought her message of hope, in such a friendly way, that she held her listeners from start to finish. She was active in her church and a past president of the 'Womens Christian Temperance Union'.

Notice the picture of the three Klaus Sisters on a previous page, each is wearing a small bow of white ribbon, this is the badge or emblem of the W.C.T.U. organization.

My Mother, Mary Klaus Wellemeier, was also a worker in the W.C.T.U., and at her request the 'white Ribbon' was pinned to her dress as she lay in her casket.

There was plenty of Liquor to be had in those days, and these Klaus Sisters prayed God every day that their sons should not drink.

My Mother would admonish us and say: " Some slow and easy going fellows may be able to drink moderately, but not you boys, you dont do anything moderately. if you ever start you will drink too much, and ruin your lives and make your families unhappy too. I would rather follow your casket to the grave right now, than to have you start drinking. PROMISE ME, that you will never touch a drop untill I am dead."

Thus the white ribbon on the breast of the silent Mary Klaus Wellemeier, was a 'thank you' to her four sons for having kept from drink.

George and Elizabeth Irmscher were the parents of two sons:

David Irmscher - Delhi Iowa
owns a General Mdse Store.

Harvey Irmscher - Delhi Iowa
Custodian of the Public School.

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Rev. W^m. Klaus

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Rev. WILLIAM HENRY KLAUS, was born September 26.1856,
on a farm near Colesburg Iowa, their 4th child,
4. but the first of three sons born to
John Deitrich and Elizabeth Klaus.

Mr Klaus recieved his early education in the rural school
nearby, then attended college at Galena Illinois, and
continued his theological studies at Charles Citv College.

On December 23rd 1881, William Henry Klaus age 25, and
Mary E Wenz age 23, were married at Springfield Illinois.
They were the parents of three children: -
Julia - Irving - and Milton, mentioned below.

They commenced housekeeping on the parental farm, near
Colesburg, but after a few years, Mr Klaus entered the
Ministry for the German Methodist Church, and continued
his pastoral work for thirty vears, His pastorates included:
Fort Dodge - Alden *Burt - Spencer - Garner and Mason City
all in Iowa. Also Crandon and Redfield in South Dakota.
eight places all told.

In 1924, he retired and moved back to the Colesburg
farm, where he had built a new modern home.

Seven vears later, on February 7th 1931, he died on
the same farm where he was born, age 75 years. It seems
that his father John Deitrich Klaus, had purchased this
farm from the Government, and this farm had remained
in the Klaus name until now - 89 vears.

Funeral Services were held in the Zion Methodist Church,
the Rev. Geo. G. Wessel, a lifetime friend of the family
delivered the farewell sermon.

At the request of Rev Klaus, the congregation did the
singing at his funeral service, the selections were: -

'Jesus Lover Of My Soul'

'Oh Happy Day'

'My Faith Looks Up To Thee'

Mrs Harold Klaus at the piano.

It was about ten vears later, in May 1941, that his wife,
Marv Elizabeth Wenz Klaus, died at this same Klaus residence

Funeral Services were held in the Zion Methodist Church,
with the Rev Warren A. Bintz her pastor, and the
Rev. A. H. Meyer, pastor at Edgewood Iowa conducting
the service.

The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus.
Rev. Wm. Klaus

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At the Funeral Service of Mrs Wm.H.Klaus, -
Edward Melcher sang, "There will be no night there"
Fred & John Schaub sang, "Good night here, and Good
Morning up there". Mrs Harold Klaus at the piano.

The pall bearers were nephews of Mrs Klaus:
Myron Eichmeyer of Clinton, Paul Klaus of Manchester,
Merten J Klaus of Charles City, Norton Klaus of Earlville,
Howard Wellemeyer of Colesburg, Arthur Wellemeyer.

Marv Elizabeth Wenz was born, January 6th, 1858. at
Hazel Green Wisc. and reached the age of 83 years.
As a minister's wife she was helpful in all church
activities, especially the Womens Society of Christian
Service. She was a kind and devoted mother.
Both Rev. William and Mrs Mary Klaus are burried in
the Zion Cemetery near Colesburg Iowa.

T H E I R C H I L D R E N. -

IRVING NATHAN KLAUS, was born Nov.25.1885. on a farm
near Colesburg, the fsecond of three children born to
Wm.H. and Mary Wenz Klaus.

After completeing his common school education, he attended
Charles City College, and graduated from their Commercial
Course in 1907.

Then he located in Redfield South Dakota, a City of
3000 people and staved there. He attached himself to
a retail grocery store, first as clerk, then as partner,
and later as sole owner. After 34 years (Jan. 1941)
he sold out.

He was City Treasurer of Redfield for six years, and
since then he is serving the City as Auditor.

He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a Mason.

His wife. EMMA MELLENTINE KLAUS, was born Feb.2.1888.
in Milwaukee Wisc., came to Redfield S.D. in 1909, where
she was imployed as a telephone operator until her
marriage to Irving N Klaus in 1916. She is a member of
the methodist church, active in W.S.C.S. She is also
a member of the Eastern Star and the Rebecca Lodge.

JULIA ELIZABETH KLAUS, was born Dec.5.1883. near Colesburg,
While her father was an active minister, she was his
secretary, and after her parents reached retirement age,
it was she who took care of them and nursed them when
they were old; At present she works as a bookkeeper in
the Ben Franklis Store at Redfield S.D., and makes her
home with the Irving Klaus Family.

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MILTON WENZ KLAUS, was born April 8.1898, at Ft Dodge Ia. the youngest of three children born to Wm.H. & Mary Klaus.

Children of a Methodist Minister get used to moving, they like the excitement of it, thus Milton started to school in Iowa and graduated from High School in So.Dak. He took his Junior College work in Redfield S.D., continued his studies at Morningside College in Sioux City where he graduated with the class of 1920.

Then he taught school in three different towns:
Tolstov S.D. - Menno S.D. - Ute Iowa.

Somewhere, about here, he was called for Military Service, and helped Uncle Sam win the World War. This is where the Malta Fever caught up with him, and he was never completely well after that. altho he never complained.

On Feb.9.1927, Milton W Klaus age 29, and Luella Kruger age 23, were married at Greeley Iowa, they started housekeeping on the Klaus homestead farm, they lived in the same log house which his grandfather, John Deitrich Klaus built in 1848.

Seventeen years later, in March 1944, Milton died in a hospital at Iowa City, from the same lingering Malta Fever. He reached the age of 45 years.

Funeral services were held at Zion Methodist Church, Rev Arnold pastor and Rev Bintz assisting. The Colesburg American Legion provided the pall bearers, and conducted graveside rites.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, The Legion and the Grange. He had a sunny happy disposition and had many friends.

His wife, LUELLA KRUGER KLAUS, was born Nov.27.1904, near Greeley Iowa, after the death of her husband, She took up nursing, and worked for a few years in an old peoples home. Now she is a licensed practical nurse and works in the Community Memorial Hospital at Manchester Iowa. She keeps up her home and garden Edgewood Iowa. drives to work daily.

The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus.
Rev. John. Klaus

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Rev. JOHN HERMAN KLAUS.DD, was born November 3rd 1858.

5. on a farm near Colesburg Iowa, the fifth child of John Deitrich Klaus and Elizabeth Hartbecke.

He attended the 'German-English College' at Galena Ill. his formal schooling was meager, but he was an eager student all his life, and became well educated by reading and by observation, and then he was blessed with natural gifts. This combination made him a Great Preacher, unspoiled by too much 'book larnin'.

Rev John H Klaus, began his practice preaching at age 20, and at age 26, in 1884, he was appointed by the German Methodist Conference to the 'Sitzer Circuit', which had six preaching points; during his stay of two years, a hundred persons were converted and joined the church.

At the next annual conference, Klaus said to the Bishop, "I have a friend who is entering the ministry this fall, if you should happen to appoint him to the Sitzer Circuit, I could help him get started." The Bishop said he would consider this. But the Bishop did even better than expected, he sent them both to La Cross Wisc. John H Klaus as pastor of the first church, and George G Wessel as pastor of the second church, This was the beginning of a life-time friendship between the two men.

These two men conducted a series of revival meetings at LaCrosse, which lasted nine weeks - with good results - And during his five year stay, he built a Parsonage.

Then for five years he served Freeport Illinois, after which he was sent to Dubuque. after serving three years he took a leave of absents because of the illness of his wife, Anna, and the family lived in Earlville for two years

Rev. John H Klaus again became an active minister in 1901. served Central Church in Charles City for nine years, then back to LaCrosse Wisc, a second time for six years, In 1916, he was elected District Superintendent of the Charles City District, and served at this work five years. In 1921, he served Central Church, Charles City four years. In 1925, he retired and made his home in Charles City Iowa.

He was a Great Preacher, could speak as fluently in english as in german, had a clear voice which carried well, his sermons lasted about twenty-five minutes, but my, what a message of hope he could unfold in that time.

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Rev. John. Klaus

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John Klaus was an outstanding revivalist in his conference. he was Trustee of Charles City College, and of Morningside College, this latter college honored him in 1924 with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On Nov.29.1883. John H Klaus age 25, and Anna E Merten age 24, were married at the parental Frederick Merten farm home near Colesburg Iowa. From this union there came three sons and two daughters.

After being married for 17 years, in 1900, the wife, Anna Merten Klaus, at age 47, died of Pulmonary Consumption, and was burried in Zion Cemetery near Colesburg Iowa.

On July 24th 1902, John H Klaus and Minnie Baer were married at Toledo Ohio.

John H Klaus died in 1928- heart attact - age 69 yrs 10 mos. funeral services in Central Methodist Chnrch, Charles City. interment in Riverside Cemetery near Charles City Iowa.

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ELSIE KLAUS, born in 1884, became the wife of
Albert Moosdorf, Denver Colorado.

REV.ARMIN.V.KLAUS, born in 1887 at LaCrosse Wisc. He was well trained in all the best schools for the ministry, and did considerable practice preaching during the last two years of his college training. But Missionary work appealed to him. So He and his wife Susan Fries, sailed for the island of Samatra, in the south pacific, where he has been building up the Methodist Church Business, as his life work, training native preachers etc. He is Bishop Klaus now, and has spent more years of his life in Sumatra than in the United States. In 1945, his wife died as a prisoner of the Japanese, no children, later he married June Etta Redinger of Singapore. He returned to the U.S. in 1954.

MERTEN JOHN KLAUS, born in 1891, has lived in Charles City since he was a child, started helping in a Bank as a 'teen-ager', and is still with the same bank, but by now he is its President - The First Security Bank & Trust Co. He married Pauline Watson, there are two sons:
John Merten Klaus born 1942, and David Armin Klaus 1945.

MISS CLARA ANNA KLAUS, born in 1895,
a public school teacher in Chicago Ill.

CARL F KLAUS, born in 1898, lives at Sioux City Iowa.
he married Nettie Calhoun (no children)

The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus.
Wes. Klaus

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Hon. SAMUEL WESLEY KLAUS, was born January 12. 1861
on a farm near Colesburg, the youngest of six.

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He attended 'German*english College' Galena Ill.
graduating in 1882, and attended Northwestern College
at Naperville Illinois.

After teaching school a year, Wes Klaus came to Earlville
Iowa, where he remained until he died.

First he was a clerk in a General Merchandise Store,
then he became a partner - Bush & Klaus - was the firm
name, later he became sole owner of the business. He
continued in the Store Business, in this same location
for over forty years.

In 1886, Samuel Wesley Klaus age 25, and Lizzie Loomis
age 21, of Farley Iowa, were married.

Two sons were born to them: ROY and NORTON.

And then, in 1891, after being married five years,
the wife and mother died of pulmonary consumption.

In 1897, Wes Klaus age 36, married Rose Landis age 28,
of Colesburg Iowa. Eight children were born to them:

Earl S - Kenneth R - Ruth - Paul

Lucille - Cora - Elizabeth - Edna.

Wes Klaus was a quick thinker and a good salesman,
Once I spent a day in his store, to observe how he
did it, I marveled at the ease in which he handled
people. And now after spending most of my life in
the retail store business, I still say that he is
the best salesman I ever met.

This was probably a natural gift of the Klaus Family,
And dear reader, if you are part Klaus, You may have
a 'latent talent' for handling people and for selling,
be sure and develop this talent, it will help you
in what ever job you are doing.

Wes Klaus liked people, and was so much interested in
his town, his church and community, that the store
gradually became of secondary importance, and he left it
in the hands of younger men and helpers.

Wes Klaus was on the Town Council - 12 years.

Was Mayor 4 years - On School Board 25 years.

County School Board - County Board of Health.

Trustee Epworth Military Academy. - Chairman of

Delaware County Republican Committee for ten years.

Also IOOF lodge - Was a member of the Methodist Church
and at some time or other held every office therein.

He was a member of the Iowa State Legislature 4 years.

The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus
Wes. Klaus.

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But despite these various activities, it was in the home that the true character of WES KLAUS was revealed. He was an almost ideal husband and father.

On Nov.21.1925. Wes Klaus was instantly killed at a grade crossing, when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a passenger train.
his age 64 years and 10 months.

And twenty-five years later, his wife Rosella Landis Klaus, died June 13th 1950, - age 81 years.
Funeral services were held in the Earlville Methodist Church, and burial in the Fairview Cemetery beside her husband.

Mrs Rosella Landis Klaus was the eldest child of A.B.Landis and Elizabeth McDonald.
Born at Colesburg -Feb.29.1869. - Married June 5.1892.
Mother of eight children, 11 grand and 6 great grand children.
Four sisters: Mrs Isabel Schaffer, Mrs J.C.Bolsinger,
Mrs J.R.Grimes and Mrs Wayne Kaufman.
Two brothers: Earl Landis and Tom Landis.

Mrs Klaus was a lifetime resident of Delaware County and had many friends. (quote from Manchester Press)

"Who can measure the toil, sacrifice, and unselfish devotion entailed in the rearing of a large family of children and the constant care of a home, But this great task was carried out by Mrs Klaus with a fidelity and devotion, entitled not only to admiration but to emulation. She leaves to her children the memory of a good, kind and loving mother, a legacy not to be surpassed".

The TEN CHILDREN of S Wesley Klaus, are all shown with dates, in the TREE page of this record. But we make special mention of the three deceased members of this family - Roy - Norton - Earl
The facts are taken from their obituaries.

Doctor ROY WESLEY KLAUS , died at age 47.
Address-Rogers Park, Chicago. Born at Earlville May 2.1887
1905 graduate of Earlville High School.
Graduate of Charles City College.
Graduate Hanneman Medical School, Chicago.

Dr Klaus had practiced in Chicago and Evanston for more than twenty-five years, was one of the youngest physicians on the St Francis Hospital Staff. Was a member of the staff of Henrotin Hospital. His office in the Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago.

The six children of John & Elizabeth Klaus.
Wes. Klaus,

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Dr Roy Klaus was a surgeon in the Navy during World War One. - Pleasing Personality - Interested and keen in his work. He died at St Francis Hospital of Pneumonia following an emergency operation for appendicitus. Burial Rosehill Cemetery Chicago. He leaves his wife, Lillian Clough, and one son JOHN WESLEY KLAUS.

NORTON JOHN KLAUS, age 56 years
Died at a Dubuque Hospital, June 30.1945. was ill a week, Funeral services at St Josephs Catholic Church, Earlville burial in Fairview Cemetery near Earlville Iowa.

He was born Feb.22.1889. was married June 8.1911. to Catherine Cavanaugh. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.
He was the postmaster at Earlville, before that he was a rural mail carrier, and before that worked in the Klaus General Store.

EARL KLAUS, age 40 - single.
He had been operating the Klaus General Store at Earlville for the past dozen years since the death of his father.

Earl was sick about a week with pneumonia, then peritonitis developed and ended his life on Jan.16.1937.

He was active in Club, Community and Civic Affairs. also Church, American Legion and School.

Business places closed during the funeral service at the Earlville Methodist Church, conducted by H.H.Palmer pastor, assisted by Howard Hunt and the American Legion - Nathan Edwards sounded Taps. Interment in Fairview Cemetery near Earlville Iowa.

Born Fe.27.1897. - died January 16.1937 - age 40 years.
Earlville High School, class of 1914.
LaCrosse Business College, class of 1915.

H. Henry. Klaus.

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He was a brother of
John Heinrich Klaus

Mrs. Anna. G. Schenke - 1797-1886

The good lady who raised H. Henry Klaus.

Father - HERMAN HENRY KLAUS, - (6 children) - - - - 1821 - 1890

Mother - KATHERINE. M. KRUEMPEL, - - - - - 1831 - 1896

1. EMMA KLAUS, (4 children) - - - - -
her husband, Henry Spink - - - - -
 John Spink
 Roy Spink
 Clara Spink
 Leslie Spink

2. ELIZA KLAUS, single, - - - - - 1853 - 1932

3. FRED. KLAUS, (4 children) - - - - - 1856 - 1936
his wife, Mathilda Spink - - - - -
 Clifton Klaus
 his wife, Sophia Wessel

Erwin Klaus - - - - - 1918.
George & Harold died as children.

4. ESTELLA KLAUS, (no child.) - - - - - 1871 - 1949
her husband, George W Wessel - - - - - 1870 - 1944

5. GEORGE KLAUS, (7 children) - - - - - 1928
his wife, Mary Lindsay - - - - -
 Florence Kathryn Klaus
 Henry Klaus
 Clarence Lindsay Klaus
 Paul Arthur Klaus
 Stanley George Klaus
 Clair Benjamin Klaus
 John Spencer Klaus

6. JOSEPH KLAUS, (4 children) - - - - - 1874 - 1923
his wife, Catherine (Kate) Merten - - - - - 1879 -
 Harold Klaus - - - - - 1908 -
 Catherine Klaus - - - - - 1909 -
 Raymond Klaus - - - - - 1914 -
 Myrtle Klaus - - - - - 1916 -

The Story of— H. Henry Klaus.

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HERMAN HENRY KLAUS, jr. , usualy called H. Henry Klaus, was the little boy who lost his left hand in the Fire Place Accident mentioned in the John Deitrich Klaus story on a previous page herein.

Mrs ANNA .G. SCHENKE, was left a widow at the age of 26, she had no children of her own, She did, however, have an independent income, which at that time, 1823, in germany, was considered almost as being rich.

But she lacked the one thing that money cannot buy, and that thing was,— A smiling Baby to love and cherish, and hold in her arms; Thus she was glad to adopt the one year old H. Henry, even tho he had only one hand, She mothered and cared for him as her own child until he was grown.

She sent him to the village school at Talge, saw to it that he recieved the usual instruction at Luthern Church , in the parish of Bippen, After which she paid for his tuition and keep while he attended the State High School.

She probably impressed on him, since he was handicaped physically, the necessity of learning his lessons well at school, so that he could make his living in some other way than as a day laborer.

In about 1844, H. Henry Klaus age 22, and Mother Schenke age 47, migrated to America, they came directly to Colesburg Iowa, and purchased land which joined the John Deitrich Klaus farm.

This John Deitrich Klaus was his brother, and Mrs Frederick Merten was his sister Catherine Margaret. Thus the three remaining children of Henry & Margaret Klaus, had finally got together and were living on neighboring farms west of Colesburg Iowa.

It seems that Mother Schenke had remained a widow, and had money enough to buy 700 acres of land, which they promptly improved with buildings, fences and equioment.

Thus, H. Henry Klaus had a good start on the farm; he was a capable man, energetic and hard working, and with hired men to help, was a sucessful farmer. He helped with community projects, and folks rather looked up to him as a leader in his community

H. Henry. Klaus

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In Germany, folks who have a bit more money than their neighbors expect to be looked up to, and H. Henry Klaus was just German enough to expect the neighbors to call him 'Mr Klaus'. which they did, but when once you got to know him, you found him kind and generous at heart.

He served the Zion Methodist Church, for a time, as local preacher. - The Church was built on his farm.

And all in good time, while H. Henry was still a young man he married Katherine M. Kruempel, who presided regally in his Big House. She was beloved in her community for her many acts of kindness to people who were sick or in distress.

There were three sons and three daughters, which we name here briefly in the order of birth: -

EMMA KLAUS, married Henry Spink - 4 children.

ELIZA KLAUS, remained single.

FRED. KLAUS, the eldest son, was sort of the 'Crown Prince' of the outfit, and when he was grown married Mathilda Spink. Fred then took over the active management of the farm. - Of his four sons one survives - CLIFTON KLAUS.

ESTELLA KLAUS, taught school for several years and then married George W. Wessel.

GEORGE KLAUS, married Mary Lindsay, to them one daughter and six sons were born.

JOSEPH KLAUS, married Catherine Merten, to them two sons and two daughters were born.

My 'Oh My', How the generations of people do come and go, During my lifetime, - H. Henry Klaus, - his wife Katherine, and all of their six children, have died and rest in their graves, some in the Zion Cemetery, others elsewhere. However sixteen grandchildren of H. Henry Klaus survive.

And now, just a final word about Anna G. Schenke, She was a lovable character, and lived with the H. Henry Klaus Family, as an honored 'Queen' of the Outfit, until her death.

She was born in 1797, and died February 16th, 1886, Her age 89 years, and is buried in Zion Cemetery.

John. Herman. Hartbecke.

Wife - Anna. Margaret. Radermacher.

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WERE NATIVES OF HAMBURG GERMANY.

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Their four Children and Grand Children.

1. First daughter, ANNA GERTRUDE HARTBECKE
her husband - John Gerhard Loeffers
Married in Germany.

2. Second daughter, ELIZABETH HARTBECKE - - 1821 - 1888.
Her husband - JOHN DIETRICH KLAUS * - - 1813 - 1878.
Married in Washington Str. Methodist Church, St Louis Mo.
Lived on a farm near Colesburg Iowa - SIX CHILDREN.

Adelaide, Mrs Herm Holscher	{	Wm. H. Klaus
Mary, Mrs Frank H Wellemeier		John. H. Klaus
Elizabeth, Mrs Geo. Irmscher		S. Wesley Klaus.

3. BERNARD HARTBECKE Lived and stayed in Holland
Wife - Martia Deeniece Four Children - below:

Elizabeth Hartbecke
Husband - John Stichter (2 children)

{ Bernard Hartbecke, jr. (Local Preacher)
Wife - Hanna Cleman. (at Colesburg Ia)

{ JOHN HARTBECKE * - - - - 1855 - 1900
Wife - ANNA DINSEY - - - - 1863 - 1954
Farmed west of Klemme Iowa - Five children.

{ Dr. Tony Hartbecke - - Veterinarian.
Wife - Anna Loeffers
They lived at Colesburg Iowa.

4. HENRY HARTBECKE
married a girl in Holland
no further record.

More data concerning
John. Herman. Hartbecke.

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The information shown on the previous page (107-A), was obtained by this writer, from Martha Hartbecke Barz, (Mrs. Fred. Barz, Klemme Iowa). She was the first of five children born to John Hartbecke and wife Anna Dinsy, and was only five years old, when her Dad died in 1900, while they were living on a farm located two miles west of the Liberty Twp Methodist Church. His death at age 45 was caused by peritonitis following a hernia of long standing. Her Mother was age 37 at the time.

By word of mouth, Martha obtained the Hartbecke Story, by asking questions from her mother, and from several Hartbecke families living near Colesburg Iowa; She also kept copies of family obituaries, and had access to family bible records.

John Hartbecke became an orphan at age 16. his aunt advanced passage money, and he came to Colesburg Iowa and made his home with his uncle and aunt, John Deitrich Klaus and wife Elizabeth Hartbecke Klaus, (1871) and lived with them until he was age 21 (1878)

Now then, Martha Hartbecke Barz, the 'Hartbecke Historian' is a most methodical person, and we must accept her record as a true picture of the facts, as she was able to learn them.

Another version of the John Herman Hartbecke Story, is recorded by a 'Klaus Historian', namely Mary Klaus-Wellemeyer, the wife of Frank. H. wellemeyer, and daughter of John Deitrich and Elizabeth Klaus.

Both 'Martha' and 'Mary' wrote their stories seperately and without comparing notes or consulting one another, Their stories are exactly alike except for a few startling variations. - We quote from the 'Klaus' record:

John Herman Hartbecke was a farmer, and lived near Hamburg, on the Elbe river,, province of Schleswig-Holstein, in Germany, about fifty miles from the North Sea. was born in 1785, died in 1828 at age 43, buried in Germany.

This 'Klaus Historian', names as the wife of John Herman Hartbecke, a women by the name of ELSABINE HOEFLAGE, (and she does not say a word about Anna M Radermacher) Prior to her marriage, Elsabein Hoeflage, was a dressmaker at Stettin, on the Odor river, about 80 miles north-east of Berlin Germany, She was a small frail person but lived to be quite old.

The continued story of John. Herman. Hartbecke.

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Now dear reader, lets not get excited, the guess of this writer would be, that our good relative John Herman Hartbecke was married twice: and that the first wife was Anna Margaret Radermacher and maybe she died after the fourth child was born, and then lets guess that he married Elsabein Hoeflage, - and to them was born a daughter - MARGURETTE.

This 'Klaus Historian', names the same four children of John Herman Hartbecke, as shown on page 107-A. but she also mentions this fifth child, a daughter, the youngest in the family named Margurette.

And her story continues: In 1844, when Elizabeth Hartbecke (2nd daughter listed on page 107-A) was 23 years old, and Margurette was a 'Teenager', these two girls came to America, and located in St Louis Missouri.

Now the active, teenage, Margurette, had heard about the advantages and opportunities of living in America, and she continually asked her parents to let her migrate to America. - 'She was not afraid', 'She was grown up now' and 'Could take care of herself' etc.

This Margurette Hartbecke was a little woman abd frail, but her mother finally consented to let her go to America, providing that her big sister Elizabeth went along and took care of her.

These two girls found jobs as 'maids' in the homes of the rich people of St Louis.

Sad to relate, about a year later, 1845, Margurette died of Malaria Fever.

And three years later, 1848, Elizabeth age 27, married a farmer, John Deitrich Klaus age 35, they moved into a new log house west of Colesburg Iowa, where they lived happily and raised their six children.

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John. Hartbecke. Family

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Compiled in 1954, by Marthe and Esther Barz, Klemme Iowa.

Father - JOHN HARTBECKE, - - - - - 1855 - 1900

Mother - ANNA DINSE - - - - - 1863 - 1954

They lived on a farm west of Klemme Iowa.

In 1901, the widow, Anna Dinse Hartbecke married a widower, Henry Wille, 1851-1940. He had 6 children, She had 5, They had one.

/ MARTHA HARTBECKE, (five children) - - - - - 1885 -
Husband - Fred Barz - - - - - 1880 -

1 - Ella Barz, (four children) - - - - - 1905 -
Husband - Walter Rosendahl - - - - - 1903 -

1-Ardell Walter Rosendahl - - - - - 1929 -
Wife - Ida Katzer - - - - - 1931 -

2-Iris May Rosendahl (1 child) 1931 -
Husband - Richard Snyder - - - - - 1929 -
Debra Joann Snyder - - - - - 1954 -

3-Ione Doris Rosendahl - - - - - 1939 -
4-Rosalie Ann Rosendahl - - - - - 1940 -

2 - Harvey F. Barz, (three children) - - - - - 1907 -
Wife - Mable Brouwer - - - - - 1912 -
1-Harley Duane Barz - - - - - 1933 -
2-Graden Lee Barz - - - - - 1936 -
3-Myrna Diane Barz - - - - - 1941 -

3 - Marvin Barz, (one child) - - - - - 1909 -
Wife - Gladys Kothenbeutel - - - - - 1915 -
1- Darlene Barz - - - - - 1933 -
Husband - Richard Trenary - - - - -
Child - Connie Jean Trenary - - - - - 1952 -

4 - Ronald Barz, (two daughters) - - - - - 1916 -
Wife - Emma Kothenbeutel - - - - - 1913 -
1-Shirley Barz - - - - - 1938 -
2-Jeane Barz - - - - - 1940 -

5 - Doris Barz, (four children) - - - - - 1922 -
Husband - Eugene Greimann - - - - - 1919 -
1-Lowell Frederick Greimann - - - - - 1942 -
2-Jennett Foe Greimann (twin) 1946 -
3-Ja Nell Rae Greimann (twin) 1946 -
4-Kathie Ann Greimann - - - - - 1953 -

John. Hartbecke. Family.

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2. ADDIE LAURA HARTBECKE, (five children) - - - 1889 -
Husband - Ernest Palmby - - - - - 1887 -
- 1 - Bernice, Fay Palmby, (4 children) - 1909 -
Husband - Harold Leroy Case - - - 1903 -
- 1-Irene Bernice Case - - - 1931 -
Husband- Kenneth Lloyd Thompson 1929 -
one son - Mark Thompson - - 1953 -
- 2-Lee Harold Case - - - - 1936 -
Wife - Joyce Eileen Latcher - 1935 -
- 3-Paul Leroy Case - - - - 1939 -
- 4-Florence Jean Case - - - 1941 -
- 2 - Raymond Walter Palmby, (2 child.) - 1911 -
Wife - Margaret Case - - - - 1915 -
- 1-Elenor Lee Palmby - - - - 1938 -
- 2-Robert Raymond Palmby - - 1940 -
- 3 - Clarence Donald Palmby - - - - 1916 -
Wife - Janett Davis, (3 child.) - - 1918 -
- 1-Gail Alice Palmby - - - - 1941 -
2-Phillip David Palmby - - 1943 -
3-Thomas Orin Palmby - - - 1944 -
- 4 - Harold Leonard Palmby - - - - 1914 - 1932
- 5 - Gladys Mav Palmby, (3 child.) - - - 1922 -
Husband - Gerald Domonoske - - - 1920 -
- 1-Fay Gladys Domonoske - - - 1948 -
2-Clair Gerald Domonoske - - 1950 -
3-Shaun Carol Domonoske - - 1954 -

John. Hartbecke. Family.

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3. ESTHER HARTBECKE, (3 child.) - - - - - 1893 -
Husband - Albert Barz - - - - - 1887 - 1938
- 1- Ethel Barz (1 child) - - - - - 1915 -
Husband - Edmund K Josten - - - - - 1909 -
Donna Lou Josten - - - - - 1946 -
- 2 - Milvern Barz (1 child) - - - - - 1919 -
Wife - Mary Jane Holm - - - - - 1923 -
David Barz - - - - - 1948 -
- 3 - Edward Barz (1 child) - - - - - 1928 -
Wife - Daisy Schaefer - - - - - 1936 -
Melody Dawn Barz - - - - - 1954 -
4. ELMER HOWARD HARTBECKE, soldier World War One - 1896 - 1920
5. LESLIE HARTBECKE, (4 child.) - - - - - 1899 -
Wife - May Rosenau - - - - - 1902 -
- 1 - Lucile Vida Hartbecke, (2 child.) - 1924 -
Husband - Lewis Jurgemeyer - - - - - 1921 -
1-Leland Jurgemeyer - - - - - 1947 -
2-Duain Jurgemeyer - - - - - 1951 -
- 2 - Marjoria Ave Hartbecke, - - - - - 1927 -
Husband - Everet Jurgemeyer - - - - - 1926 -
Katherine Jurgemeyer - - - - - 1951 -
- 3 - Esther May Hartbecke, (2 child.) - 1931 -
Husband - Gene Seim - - - - - 1929 -
1-Deborah Seim - - - - - 1952 -
2-Douglas Seim - - - - - 1954 -
- 4 - Miriam Hartbecke - - - - - 1942 -

Frederick. Merten

Family Tree

48.

Compiled by Sarah Merten Wellemeyer in 1954.

Father - HERMAN FREDERICK MERTEN * - - - - - 1820 - 1898
 Mother - KATHERINE MARGARET KLAUS - - - - - 1817 - 1894
 - married in 1842 - nine children - in 17 years. -

1. JOHN. STEPHEN. MERTEN. - - - - - 1843 - 1932
 his wife, Candace L. Partridge - - - - - 1848 - 1930
2. WILLIAM. HENRY. MERTEN. - - - - - 1845 - 1918
 his wife, Kate Seeley - - - - - 1848 - 1876
 his wife, Jane Ketchum - - - - - 1871 - 1928
3. BENJAMIN. FREDERICK. MERTEN - - - - - 1847 -
 his wife, Virginia Miller - - - - -
4. GEORGE. PHILIP. MERTEN * - - - - - 1848 - 1933
 his wife, Helen Wichman - - - - - 1853 - 1935
5. SAMUEL. WESLEY. MERTEN. - - - - - 1852 - 1932
 his wife, Emma Grimes - - - - - 1855 - 1891
 his wife, Eva Taylor - - - - - 1855 - 1937
6. ELIAS. MERTEN. (twin) - - - - - 1855 - 1923
 his wife, Mary D. Spicker - - - - - 1857 - 1929
7. JOSEPH. MERTEN. (twin) - - - - - 1855 - 1935
 his wife, Louise Sophia Schaub - - - - - 1864 - 1947
8. FREDERICK. WILLIAM. MERTEN - - - - - 1857 - 1918
 his wife, Lydia K. Schaub - - - - - 1866 - 1891
 his wife, Sophia S. Niederfrank - - - - - 1865 - 1951
9. CATHERINE. ANNA. ELIZABETH. MERTEN - - - - - 1859 - 1900
 her husband, Rev. John. H. Klaus - - - - - 1858 - 1928
 (See John H Klaus Story)

Frederick Merten Children 1. John. Stephen. Merten.

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Father	-	JOHN. STEPHEN. MERTEN.	-	-	-	-	-	1843	-	1932
Mother	-	Candace. L. Partridge	-	-	-	-	-	1848	-	1930
(Eleven Children)										
1.	EMMA. MERTEN.	(2 children)	-	-	-	-	-	1869	-	1952
	her husband,	J. Austin Slick	-	-	-	-	-	1867	-	
		1-Florence Slick	-	-	-	-	-	1908	-	
		2-Ruth Slick	-	-	-	-	-	1910	-	
2.	INFANT SON	-	-	-	-	-	-	1871	-	1871
3.	NELLIE. S. MERTEN.	(2 children)	-	-	-	-	-	1873	-	1926
	her husband,	William Hunt	-	-	-	-	-	1872	-	
		1-Merten John Hunt	-	-	-	-	-	1906	-	
		2-Harvey Earl Hunt	-	-	-	-	-	1907	-	
4.	JOHN. WILLIAM. MERTEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	1875	-	1877
5.	SARAH. MERTEN.	(2 children)	-	-	-	-	-	1877	-	
	her husband,	Carl Wesley Wellemever	-	-	-	-	-	1877	-	1933
		1-Howard Fletcher Wellemeyer	-	-	-	-	-	1909	-	
		2-Helen Clarice Wellemever	-	-	-	-	-	1912	-	1931
6.	CATHERINE. MERTEN.	(4 children)	-	-	-	-	-	1879	-	
	her husband,	Joseph A Klaus	-	-	-	-	-	1874	-	1923
		1-Harold John Klaus	-	-	-	-	-	1908	-	
		2-Catherine Ruth Klaus	-	-	-	-	-	1909	-	
		3-Raymond Joseph Klaus	-	-	-	-	-	1914	-	
		4-Myrtle Lucile Klaus	-	-	-	-	-	1916	-	
7.	JOHN. FREDERICK. MERTEN	(1 child)	-	-	-	-	-	1880	-	1955
	his wife,	Martha.A.Irmscher	-	-	-	-	-	1880	-	
		1-Edith Merten	-	-	-	-	-	1907	-	
8.	ROBA. MERTEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	1883	-	1885
9.	HARVEY. ELLIOT. MERTEN.	(1 child)	-	-	-	-	-	1884	-	
	his wife,	Lillian A Kluckhohn	-	-	-	-	-	1883	-	
		1-Jean Alice Merten	-	-	-	-	-	1917	-	
10.	ELLA. RUTH. MERTEN.	(1 child)	-	-	-	-	-	1887	-	
	her husband,	Fred. O. Haug	-	-	-	-	-	1888	-	
		1-Janaan Haug	-	-	-	-	-	1924	-	
11.	VIRGINIA. MAY. MERTEN.	(4 children)	-	-	-	-	-	1890	-	
	her husband,	Herman Frederick Keck	-	-	-	-	-	1888	-	
		1-John Bernard Keck	-	-	-	-	-	1915	-	
		2-Virginia Mae Keck	-	-	-	-	-	1919	-	
		3-Warren Frederick Keck	-	-	-	-	-	1921	-	
		4-Lois Marilyn Keck	-	-	-	-	-	1925	-	

Frederick Merten Children. 2. William-Henry-Merten.

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Father - WILLIAM. HENRY. MERTEN - - - - - 1845 - 1918
 Mother - KATE. SEELEY. (first 2 children) - - - 1848 - 1876
 Mother - JANE. KETCHUM. (last 3 children) - - - 1871 - 1928

1-EDWARD.MERTEN.(2 children)
 his wife, Eva Lilly -
 1-Gilbert Merten
 2-Irene Merten

2-ALICE. MERTEN. (no child)
 her husband, Charles Tabor

3-BIRNEY. MERTEN.(no child) - - - - - 1879 -
 his wife, Jessie Massey - - - - - 1879 - 1946

4-ROBERT. W. MERTEN.(2 children) - - - - - 1883 -
 his wife, Hulda Wellemeyer - - - - - 1886 -
 1-Mary Eleanor Merten - - - - - 1913 -
 2-Robert Ernst Merten - - - - - 1913 -

5-HOWARD. BROOKS. MERTEN. - - - - - 1881 - 1884

3. Benjamin. Frederick. Merten.

Father - BENJAMIN. FREDERICK. MERTEN. - - - 1847 -
 Mother - Virginia Miller, (3 children) - - -

1-Eliza Merten

2-Florence Merten

3-Fred.Merten, and wife.

4. Frederick Merten Children George. Philip. Merten

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Father - GEORGE. PHILIP. MERTEN. (6 children) - 1848 - 1933
Mother - HELEN. WILHELMINA. WICHMAN - - - - 1853 - 1935

1. CLARENCE. ALFRED. MERTEN. (2 children) - 1880 - 1936
his wife, Lucy Marie Hesley - - - 1875 -

1-Clyde Merten, (adopted) - - - 1910 -
his wife,
children,

2-Alfred. Merten - - - - - 1917 -

2. LILLIAN ELIZA MERTEN (no child) - - - 1882 -
her husband, Orrin T Rogers - - - 1888 -

3. CHARLES. FREDERICK. MERTEN. (no child) - 1883 -
his wife, Zora Mitchell - - - - 1891 -

4. Miss IRENE ANNA MERTEN - - - - 1885 - 1918

5. HORACE GEORGE MERTEN, single, - - - 1886 -

6. ELMER LEROY MERTEN. (1 child) - - - 1888 -
his wife Marie Becker - - - - 1902 -

Patricia Lynn Merten, (adopted) - 1941 -

8. Frederick William. Merten.

Father - FREDERICK. WILLIAM. MERTEN. * - - - 1857 - 1918
Mother - Lydia K Schaub (1 child) - - - 1866 - 1891
Mother - Sophia S Niederfrank, (no child) - - 1865 - 1951

1. OLIVE (Schaub) MERTEN * * - - - 1889 - 1890

2. MILDRED LUCILE MERTEN, (adopted) (2 child) 1905 -
her husband, Charles Herman Kemper - - 1893 -
1--Constance Lucile Kemper - - 1935 -
2- Charlyn Laureen Kemper - - 1936 -

5. Frederick Merten Children Wes. Merten.

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Father - SAMUEL WESLEY MERTEN. (6 children) - - 1852 - 1932
 Mother - Emma Grimes - - - - - 1855 - 1891
 Mother - Eva Taylor, (no child) - - - - - 1855 - 1937

IRVING MERTEN, single, - - - - - 1875 - 1954

RUTH MERTEN, single, - - - - - 1878 - 1918

EDITH MERTEN (2 children) - - - - - 1880 -

her husband, George M Ackerman - - - 1883 -

1-Muired Merten Ackerman - - - 1914 -

2-Elizabeth Muriel Ackerman - - - 1916 -

HARRIS. A. MERTEN. (5 children) - - - 1882 - 1948

his wife, Belle Lund - - - - - 1883 -

Kenneth Haris Merten - - - - - 1906

2-Neil Lund Merten - - - - - 1915 -

3-Russell LeRoy Merten - - - - - 1918 -

4-Beulah Belle Merten - - - - - 1921 -

5-Vivian Lucille Merten - - - - - 1924 -

BLANCHE MERTEN, (2 adopted children) - - 1884 - 1936

her husband, Ralph Pfeiffer - - - - - 1895 - 1926

1-Dene Pfeiffer - - - - - 1916 -

2-Helen Pfeiffer - - - - - 1920 -

MABEL MERTEN. (3 children) - - - - - 1886 - 1953

her husband, Charles Forsyth - - - - - 1888 -

1-Maurice. G. Forsyth - - - - - 1914 -

2-Blanche. E. Forsyth - - - - - 1920 -

3-Harold. A. Forsyth - - - - - 1922 -

6 Frederick Merten Children Elias Merten.

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Father	-	ELIAS. MERTEN. (twin) (4 children)	-	-	1855	-	1923
Mother	-	MARY. D. SPICKER	-	-	1857	-	1929
1.	INFANT SON	-	-	-	1878	-	1878
2.	FERDINAND. A. MERTEN.	-	-	-	1881	-	1881
3.	STELLA. H. MERTEN. (2 children)	-	-	-	1882	-	
	her husband, Albert. A. Stiehl	-	-	-	1884	-	
	1-Dorothy. R. Stiehl	-	-	-	1911	-	1922
	2-James. H. Stiehl	-	-	-	1917	-	
4.	HOWARD. V. MERTEN. (no child)	-	-	-	1888	-	
	his wife, Maud Cawte	-	-	-	1889	-	

7. Joseph. Merten

Father	-	JOSEPH MERTEN. (twin) (2 children)	-	-	1855	-	1935
Mother	-	LOUISE SOPHIA SCHAUR	-	-	1864	-	1947
1.	MARTHA. L. MERTEN, (5 children)	-	-	-	1886	-	
	her husband, William. J. Brugger	-	-	-	1883	-	
	1-Elsie Lucile Brugger	-	-	-	1910	-	
	2-Wilbur Merten Brugger	-	-	-	1913	-	
	3-Lois Ione Brugger	-	-	-	1915	-	
	4-Burton Willis Brugger	-	-	-	1918	-	
	5-Vieva Lenora Brugger	-	-	-	1924	-	
2.	LAURA ANNA MERTON. (5 children)	-	-	-	1888	-	
	her husband, Walter Henry Michel	-	-	-	1887	-	
	1-Merten Walter Michel	-	-	-	1915	-	
	2-Sylvia Louise Michel	-	-	-	1916	-	
	3-Donald Bruce Michel	-	-	-	1919	-	
	4-Genevieve Anne Michel	-	-	-	1926	-	
	5-Joseph Henry Michel	-	-	-	1934	-	

The Story of - Frederick. Merten.

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REV. HERMAN FREDERICK MERTEN, was born August 20. 1820.
in the - Village of - - HALLE
State of - - MUNSTER
Kingdom of - PRUSSIA
All in Germany.

He completed his common school education in Germany,
and attended religious instruction at the Lutheran
Church in the village of Halle.

At the age of thirteen he came to America, by sailing
ship to New Orleans, and then up the Mississippi by
river-boat to St Charles Missouri, which is north of St Louis.

This was one of the regular routes which emigrants took in
coming from Germany To America. And in 1833, when Mr Merten
arrived, he found other German people in and around
St Charles and St Louis.

Mother Klaus and four children came to America too, over
this same route. The Mother and two children died of
malaria fever and were buried at St Charles Mo. (1841)
And thus, John Deitrich Klaus and Katherine Margaret Klaus
were left alone.

It was here that Frederick Merten age 22, met Katherine
Margaret Klaus age 25, They were married in 1842, moved
to Colesburg Iowa, and commenced housekeeping on a farm.

Eight years later, 1850, at the age of thirty, Mr Merten
became a Minister of the Gospel for the German Methodist
Church. In this capacity he served eleven different Churches
in eighteen years, and then in 1868, at the age of 48,
he retired from active ministry and moved unto his farm
near Colesburg Iowa.

I do not have any information about his parents or his
background in Germany. His family may have been Farmers.
We do know that Frederick Merten had a way of handling
horses which was out of the ordinary. He was not afraid.
Never lost his temper. He could gentle any unruly horse.
a remarkable skill.

He was also well posted on pruning grape vines, and
tending small fruit, in fact he was considered an expert
on horticulture in that early day.

But we are forced to say this about his boyhood home,
It must have been a Christian Home to produce a man
like Herman Frederick Merten.

Frederick Merten

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Frederick Merten, as I remember him, was a thin man, maybe 5'-10"', or maybe he just looked tall because he was thin. His hair was light brown, not bald, his full beard was blond. Had large generous ears, had a clear soft speaking voice, and an expressive face. (an introvert)

The PIONEERS

It was only the strong and the bold, who had the courage to come to our virgin prairie lands and establish homes. - The timid, the weak, and the old, 'stayed put' in the old country.

Many things were strange here, and the pioneer had much to learn the hard way. They were indeed a happy and boisterous group when conditions were favorable.

But, when conditions were NOT favorable, maybe it rained too much or too little, maybe the crops were scant, or the price too low. Or maybe an accidental death brought grief to their group. Then indeed they sometimes became discouraged and homesick for their parents and kin whom they had left in the old country.

Once at a burial service we saw these bearded, calloused, pioneer men, weep hot burning tears, while Rev. Merten talked to them in his clear but calm manner from the pulpit. He was so earnest that you forgot the preacher, and 'saw only the Christ', and heard only the 'words of the Master'.

Rev. Merten was not a giant physically, his strength was more of a mental or spiritual nature.

'His People' reverently called him FATHER MERTEN, and the name was so appropriate, that soon everybody was calling him by this title.

But serving these early churches, under pioneer conditions for 18 years, was about all our thin-man Merten could stand, So at the age of 48, he moved back to his farm, with his family of nine children. His oldest son was 25 years old, his younger children attending the rural school. No doubt they made things hum on that farm during the next ten years.

In a household of this size, the mother cannot possibly do all the physical work, thus she becomes an administratrix. Each child has regular household chores to do each day, and they like it too, with the beaming approval of the mother they enjoy such work. And if a younger child gets careless and does a poor job at his chores, Mother need not worry, because the older children will beat up on the culprit, and the offence will hardly be repeated, as every child wants to be respected by his brothers and sisters.

Frederick Merten.

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— Story continued —

There were often ten or more around the Merten table at mealtime, and the story goes, that one day a half-dozen extra people, visitors, showed up at dinnertime. A grand daughter was filling three big pitchers with milk for table use, and discovered that they were short of milk, had just enough to fill two and a half pitchers. "oh" said the granddaughter what shall we do? Take it easy said Mother Merten, divide the milk between the three pitchers and then add nice clean water, and we will have plenty for all.

After the meal, while Father Merten was visiting with the men folks outside, Mother Merten put the visiting women to work in the big sitting room, helping to mend socks and overalls, until the menfolks called that it was time to leave for home.

It seems to be a Klaus trait to be frugal and resourceful. And dear reader, if you have a drop of Klaus blood in your veins, you are lucky, and will have these thrifty traits too.

It has been said: "Responsibility makes men" and a large family brings great responsibility, which if accepted, builds the parents into great people.

The influence of Children in the Home is well illustrated by a poem which clipped from a newspaper, entitled:

T H E T W O P R A Y E R S.

Last night my little boy
confessed to me some childish wrong,
And kneeling at my knee
he prayed, with tear,
"Dear God, make me a Man like Daddy,
wise and strong, I'm sure you can.

Then, while he slept,
I knelt beside his bed,
confessed my sins, and prayed
with low bowed head,
"O God, make me a child, like my child here,
Pure, guileless, Trusting Thee with faith sincere".

Mrs Katherine Margaret Klaus Merten died at Colesburg in 1894, age 77 years. The Rev. Herman Frederick Merten died at the home of his son, Fred Merten, at Garner Iowa in 1898, age 78 years. Both lie buried in Zion Cemetery, near Colesburg Iowa.

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Herewith the names and addresses of the relatives whom we contacted during the preperation of this 'Family Record' - There are many more.

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| 31 - Mahlon.A.Wellemeyer
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| 37 - Herbert.A.Wellemeyer
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Klemme Iowa. | 54 - Ed.Irmscher
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Klemme Iowa, R.L. | 55 - Neil.G.Holscher
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| | 57 - Harvey Irmscher
Delhi Iowa. |

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| 59 -George Irmscher jr.
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| 60 -Gertrude Wildebour
Knoxville Iowa | 74 -Clair Monroe Klaus
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Washington Penn. | 79 -Mrs.Myron.B.Eighmey
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| 66 -Merten.J.Klaus
Charles City Iowa. | 80 -Mrs John Franklin
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Charles City Iowa |
| 67 -Miss Clara Klaus
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| 68 -Carl Klaus
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Sioux City Iowa. | 82 -J.Austin.Slick
Earlville Iowa |
| 69 -Mrs Roy(Lillyan) Klaus
& son, John Wesley Klaus
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Earlville Iowa R.2. |
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Colesburg Iowa |
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